Exploration of Gas in Tripura

2067. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 714 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th November, 2002 and state:

(a) the names of the spots in Tripura where drillings by ONGC have been fruitful;

(b) the quantity of gas dischargeable everyday;

(c) the quantity of gas discharged everyday at present for the purpose of use of the public; and

(d) the plan Government would like to hit upon to utilise the dischargeable quantity of gas to the maximum possible extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has established the presence of gas at Konaban, Manikyanagar, Agartala Dome, Baramura, Gojalia and Tichna areas in the State of Tripura. At present, gas is in production from Baramura, Rokhia(Konaban, Manikyanagar) and Agartala Dome, fields.

(b) to (d) The current rate of supply of gas to different consumers through Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) is in the range of 1.28 to 1.37 Million Standard Cubic Meter Per Day (MMSCMD) depending upon the off-take by various gas consumers, as against the production potential of about 4.0 MMSCMD. Allocation of natural gas to M/s. North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd. (NEEPCO) and M/s Oswal Chemicals and Fertilizers is 2.0 MMSCMD and 2.4 MMSCMD respectively, totalling to 4.4 MMSCMD. ONGC plans to upgrade its production and surface handling capacity to keep pace with the demand.

Gas leakage at Mathura Oil Refinery

†2068. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an incident of gas leakage took place in Mathura Oil Refinery in the recent past;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps have been taken by the said oil refinery to present such leakages of gas; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) On 19.8.2002, an incident of slippage of unconverted gas from the stack of the Sulphur Recovery Unit due to insufficient air supply occurred at the Mathura refinery. Immediate corrective action was taken and normal operation restored within a short time.

(c) and (d) The Mathura refinery is equipped with gas detectors installed at strategic locations. Interlocks and trips have also been provided to take care of the safety of personnel and the plant.

LPG connections in Chhattisgarh

†2069. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of LPG connections in Chhattisgarh;

(b) what is the district-wise number of these connections;

(c) the number of bottling plants to refill the same and what is the capacity of these plants; and

(d) the details of action taken to provide proper facility of refilling in Chhattisgarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) As on 1.10.2002, the total number of customers for domestic LPG registered with Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) were 6.11 lakhs in the State of Chhattisgarh.

(c) At present, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) is having 1 LPG bottling plant of 44 Thousand Metric Tonne per annum (TMTPA) capacity at Raipur in the State of Chhattisgarh.

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